

House Study Bill 205 - Introduced

HOUSE FILE _____

BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE ON
LOCAL GOVERNMENT BILL BY
CHAIRPERSON KOESTER)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the issuance of persons with disabilities
2 removable windshield parking placards, and including
3 effective date and applicability provisions.
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 321L.2, subsection 1, paragraph a,
2 subparagraph (3), Code 2015, is amended to read as follows:

3 (3) Removable windshield placard.

4 (a) A person with a disability may apply for a temporary
5 removable windshield placard ~~which shall be~~ valid for a
6 period of up to six months or a ~~nonexpiring~~ standard removable
7 windshield placard valid for a period of five years, as
8 determined by the physician's, physician assistant's, nurse
9 practitioner's, or chiropractor's statement under this
10 subsection.

11 (i) A temporary removable windshield placard shall be
12 renewed within thirty days of the date of expiration. Persons
13 seeking temporary removable windshield placards shall be
14 required to furnish evidence upon initial application that
15 they have a temporary disability and, in addition, furnish
16 evidence at subsequent intervals that they remain temporarily
17 disabled. Temporary removable windshield placards shall be
18 of a distinctively different color from ~~nonexpiring~~ standard
19 removable windshield placards.

20 (ii) A ~~nonexpiring~~ standard removable windshield placard
21 ~~shall state on the face of the placard that it is a nonexpiring~~
22 ~~placard~~ expire on the last day of the month five years from
23 the date of issuance. A person with a disability may renew a
24 standard removable windshield placard within thirty days before
25 or after the date of expiration by submitting a statement from
26 a physician, physician's assistant, nurse practitioner, or
27 chiropractor, as provided in this subsection, to the department
28 that the person has a continuing need for the placard.

29 (b) The department shall issue one additional removable
30 windshield placard upon the request of a person with a
31 disability.

32 Sec. 2. Section 321L.2, subsection 4, Code 2015, is amended
33 to read as follows:

34 4. A removable windshield placard shall only be displayed
35 when the vehicle is parked in a persons with disabilities

1 parking space. The removable windshield placard shall be
2 displayed in a manner that allows the entire placard to be
3 visible through the vehicle's windshield.

4 Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE AND APPLICABILITY. This Act
5 takes effect January 1, 2016, and applies to persons with
6 disabilities placards issued on or after that date. This
7 Act does not affect the validity of nonexpiring persons with
8 disabilities placards issued prior to January 1, 2016.

9 EXPLANATION

10 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
11 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

12 This bill relates to the issuance of persons with
13 disabilities removable windshield parking placards. Under
14 current law, a person may apply for either a temporary placard
15 valid for up to six months or a nonexpiring placard. The
16 bill eliminates the nonexpiring placard and replaces it with
17 a standard placard which expires the last day of the month
18 five years from the date of issuance. A person may renew the
19 placard within 30 days before or after the expiration date by
20 submitting a statement from a physician, physician's assistant,
21 nurse practitioner, or chiropractor to the department of
22 transportation that the person has a continuing need for the
23 placard.

24 Current law provides that a removable windshield placard
25 shall only be displayed when the vehicle is parked in a
26 persons with disabilities parking space. The bill requires the
27 removable windshield placard to be displayed in a manner that
28 allows the entire placard to be visible through the vehicle's
29 windshield.

30 The bill takes effect January 1, 2016, and applies to new
31 placards issued on or after that date. The bill does not
32 affect the validity of nonexpiring placards issued before
33 January 1, 2016.